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DATE: April 3, 2008

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

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SUBJECT: PEIR Update

BACKGROUND:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) includes guidelines for public review and comment of environmental impact reports (EIRs). In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15087, SCAG provided adequate opportunity for public review and comment on the Draft 2008 RTP PEIR. The public comment period for the Draft PEIR began on January 3, 2008 and closed on February 18, 2008, a total of 47 days. However, due to the President's Day holiday on February 18, comments were accepted through the close of business on February 19, 2008.

CEQA requires lead agencies to evaluate comments on environmental issues received from persons who reviewed the draft EIR and prepare a written response (CEQA Guidelines §15088(a)). SCAG is currently preparing responses to comments received. These comments will be included in the Final PEIR along with text changes to the PEIR, either in response to comments received or as staff initiated text changes. Staff anticipates bringing the Final PEIR to EEC and Regional Council in May for certification. The table below lists 49 letters or emails received on the Draft 2008 RTP PEIR during the comment period. It should be noted that some of the letters received on the Draft PEIR also provide comments on the RTP. In addition SCAG received numerous letters commenting on only the RTP. Where a letter contains comments on both the RTP and the RTP PEIR a response to the letter will be contained in the Final PEIR, as described above, and will be summarized in the 2008 RTP Public Participation and Consultation Report.

Letter Number	Organization	Commentor Name	Comment Date
1	U.S. EPA	Sturges, Susan	2/19/2008
2	Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Roberts, Terry	2/20/2008
3	California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Lahontan Region	Peng, Ted	2/11/2008
4	California Department of Fish and Game	Pert, Edmund	2/19/2008
5	California Department of Transportation - District 7	Van Haagen, Antonius	1/25/2008
6	South Coast Air Quality Management District	Smith, Steve	2/19/2008
7	Metropolitan Water District	Shane, Delaine W.	2/19/2008

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8	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Bodenchak, John	2/6/2008
9	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Hill, Darren	2/6/2008
10	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District	De Salvio, Alan	2/6/2008
11	Orange County Transportation Authority	Mortazavi, Kia	2/19/2008
14*	Western Riverside Council of Governments	Viera, Kevin	2/19/2008
15	City of Laguna Hills	Songstad, Jr., L. Allan	2/19/2008
16	County of Los Angeles, Fire Department	Chen, Hsiao-ching	2/19/2008
17	County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation	Chen, Hsiao-ching	2/19/2008
18	County of Los Angeles Dept. of Regional Planning	Chen, Hsiao-ching	2/19/2008
19	County of Los Angeles, Community Development Commission	Chen, Hsiao-ching	2/19/2008
20	Endangered Habitat League	Fitts, Michael	2/19/2008
21	City of Laguna Woods	Keane, Leslie A.	2/19/2008
22	City of Laguna Woods	Hack, Bert	2/19/2008
23	County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works	Chen, Hsiao-ching	2/19/2008
24	OCCOG Members (attachments) City of Anaheim City of Brea Center for Demographic Research City of Costa Mesa City of Cypress City of Huntington Beach City of Mission Viejo OCTA City of Orange Transportation Corridor Agencies	Wilberg, Dennis	2/19/2008

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25	Orangeline High Speed Maglev	Cartozian, Kirk O.	2/19/2008
26	Sierra Club Harbor Vision Task Force	Politeo, Tom	2/19/2008
27	Transportation Corridor Agencies	McFall, Valarie	2/19/2008
28	City of Tustin (4 of 4)	Amante, Jerry	2/19/2008
29	The City Project	Garcia, Robert	2/19/2008
30	City of Diamond Bar	Destefano, James	2/19/2008
31	City of Orange	Angus, Alice	2/19/2008
32	City of Seal Beach	Antos, Charles	2/19/2008
33	City of Chino	Kellison, Mike	2/19/2008
34	South Pasadena Preservation Foundation	Karr, Steven	2/19/2008
35	City of South Pasadena	Cacciotti, Michael A.	2/19/2008
36	City of San Clemente	Buell, George	2/19/2008
37	City of Mission Viejo	Wilberg, Dennis	2/18/2008
38	City of Anaheim Planning Department	Vander Dussen, Sherri, AICP	2/15/2008
39	Port of Long Beach	Shen, Eric	2/15/2008
40	City of Irvine	Joyce, Sean	2/15/2008
41	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger on behalf of El Segundo	Impett, Laurel	2/15/2008
42	BNSF Railway Company	Stehly, Mark	2/15/2008
43	City of Cypress	Nevarez, Kori	2/15/2008
44	Golden Rain Foundation	Hawkins, Robert	2/14/2008

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45	Center for Demographic Research	Diep, Deborah	2/14/2008
46	Orange County Sanitation District	Linder, John	2/13/2008
47	City of Brea	View, Charles	2/11/2008
48	City of Chino Hills	La Belle, Douglas N.	2/11/2008
49		Hudson, Kerrie	2/19/2008
50		Fung, Hank	2/19/2008
51	Imperial County	Heuberger, Jurg	2/19/2008

* Letters 12 and 13 were received after the public comment period closed.

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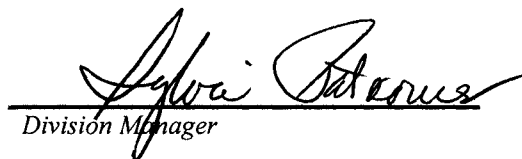
The table below lists the four letters on the Draft 2008 RTP PEIR that were received after the close of the public comment period.

Letter Number	Organization	Commentor Name	Comment Date
52	Imperial Irrigation District	Valera, Fred	2/27/2008
53	Caltrans - District 12	Chamberlain, Ryan	2/26/2008
12	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains	Faustinos, Belinda	2/21/2008
13	South Coast Wildlands	Loquvam, Mary	2/21/2008

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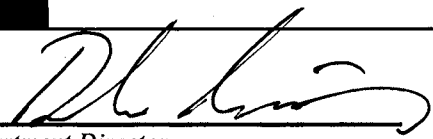
Funds for the development of the 2008 RTP PEIR are included in the FY 07/08 budget WBS 07-020.SCGC1 and 08-020.scgs1.

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